

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 423rd Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Mark Hopkins Hotel, March 3, 1957.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lum at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 3, 1957, in the Bonanza Room of the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco.

Roll Call:

Present were President Charnock, President-Elect MacDonald, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker O'Neill, Secretary Daniels, Editor Wilbur and Councilors West, Wadsworth, Pearman, Harrington, McPharlin, Sherman, Lum, Bostick, Teall, Kirchner, Reynolds, Varden, Carey, Heron and Rosenow.

Absent for cause, Councilors Wheeler and Loos. A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation during all or a part of the meeting were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy and Gillette of C.M.A. staff; Messrs. Read and Salisbury of the Public Health League of California; county society executive secretaries or assistants Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Jensen of Fresno, Pettis of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Foster of Sacramento, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Thompson and Pearce of San Joaquin, Wood of San Mateo, and DeVere of Stanislaus; Doctor Jay Ward Smith, Associate Dean of Stanford Medical School; Doctor Walter E. Macpherson, Dean of College of Medical Evangelists, Doctor John B. deC. M. Saunders, Dean, and Doctor Malcolm Watts, Assistant Dean, of University of California School of Medicine; Doctors A. E. Larsen and William Gardenier and Messrs. K. L. Hamman, Etchel Paolini, Wilson Wahlberg and Richard Lyon of California Physicians' Service; Doctor John Adams of UCLA Medical School; Fred O. Field, legal counsel to the Los Angeles County Medical Association; Mr. Rollen

Waterson, consultant; Richard Blum, Ph.D., consultant; Floyd Heffron, executive secretary of the State Board of Pharmacy; Doctor Malcolm H. Merrill, state Director of Public Health; Doctor Walter E. Batchelder, medical director of the Cancer Commission; and Doctors Jay J. Crane, J. Lafe Ludwig, T. J. Rossitto, William F. Quinn, Joseph F. Sadusk, Jr., Francis J. Cox, John W. Cline, L. Henry Garland and Howard Naffziger.

1. Minutes for Approval:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 422nd meeting of the Council, held November 10, 1956, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 261st meeting of the Executive Committee, held December 6, 1956, were approved.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 262nd meeting of the Executive Committee, held January 31, 1957, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of March 14, 1957, was presented and ordered filed. (Action taken March 17.)

(b) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 14 applicants were voted Associate Mem-

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bership. These were: Iwao Kawakami, Morris L. Steckel, Los Angeles County; H. M. F. Behneman, Lucille M. Fostvedt, Joseph J. McMullin, Riverside County; Paul L. Kingsley, Marcia J. Levin, Morton R. Steinberg, San Francisco County; Robert M. Halbach, San Joaquin County; Dean R. Archer, Raymond Leer, Emmett Litteral, Oliver Byrd, Gerald K. Ridge, Santa Clara County.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 5 applicants were voted Retired Membership. These were: Jay H. McClellan, Joseph L. Szekely, Los Angeles County; Wm. Edwards, Sr., Marin County; J. M. McColl, San Diego County; Daniel M. Clark, Ventura County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, 25 members were granted reductions in dues because of prolonged illness or postgraduate study.

3. *Financial:*

(a) A report of bank balances as of March 14, 1957, was presented and ordered filed. (Action taken March 17.)

(b) A request for expenses incurred in 1954 was reviewed and, on motion duly made and seconded, ordered paid.

(c) A request for a loan to repair damages suffered in the 1955 floods was ordered referred to the Executive Committee.

(d) A proposed budget for the 1957-1958 fiscal year was presented by the Auditing Committee and, on motion duly made and seconded, was tentatively approved for submission to the House of Delegates, with certain items to be reconsidered.

4. *Committee on Legislation:*

(a) Doctor Dan O. Kilroy, chairman of the Committee on Legislation, and Howard Hassard, legal counsel, discussed a number of legislative proposals which have been introduced into the current State Legislature. After discussion of the various items, the Council instructed the committee as to its attitudes on the several measures.

(b) Doctor J. Lafe Ludwig, member of the Committee on Legislation of the American Medical Association, gave a report on several items now before the federal Congress and suggested that the Council, give some thought to means by which an increased interest in federal legislation might be achieved.

(c) Mr. Floyd Heffron, Executive Secretary of the California State Board of Pharmacy, discussed several legislative proposals before the State Legislature from that board. These measures are mainly designed to provide closer control over the dispensing of dangerous or hypnotic drugs.

(d) Doctor John W. Cline discussed a state legislative proposal to provide for adequate scientific

testing of drugs or methods used in cancer therapy and for the legal restriction of items found without merit: On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Association should cosponsor this proposal, along with other organizations.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Legislative Committee should manage the progress of this measure in the State Legislature.

5. *Crippled Children's Services:*

Doctor L. Henry Garland and Doctor John Adams reported that current regulations in the Children's Bureau of the California State Department of Health prohibited the payment of fees to radiologists for performing angiocardiograms as diagnostic procedures prior to surgery, although such fees might be paid to hospitals under a formula adopted for the payment of hospital costs. They urged the Council to consider the advisability of the Association's requesting the State Department of Health to revise this procedure so that radiologists might receive fees direct for such services. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to advise the State Department of Health that it is the belief of the Council that physicians who perform authorized services under the Crippled Children's program are entitled to bill and collect fees for such services in their own names. This would include hospital radiologists who customarily render their own bills to the patient.

6. *Rehabilitation:*

Doctor Francis J. Cox reported that the governor plans to hold a Governor's Conference on Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped in the fall of 1957 and that, due to state legal restrictions, it might be necessary for some other organization to serve as fiscal or management agency for such conference. He suggested the possibility of the Association's offering to serve in this capacity if discussions of the steering committee (of which he is a member) of this conference should indicate the advisability of doing so. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this suggestion.

Doctor Cox also stated that meetings would be planned with the chairman of medical services committees of the county societies for discussion of the rehabilitation and other programs under governmental auspices. On motion duly made and seconded, such meetings were approved.

As a means of continuing the interest in the rehabilitation and allied fields, Doctor Cox suggested the possible advisability of retaining a professional representative.

7. *Public Relations:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to advise a county medical society that the material forwarded to all county societies relative to pro-

posed poliomyelitis vaccination programs was considered to be of an informative, not a policymaking nature and had been sanctioned by the Council.

8. *Committee on Medical Education:*

On motion duly made and seconded, Doctor Edward C. Rosenow, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on Medical Education, was authorized to reactivate a subcommittee on physical function which had been in existence several years earlier, subject to the submission of detailed plans of the subcommittee which might require the expenditure of funds.

Recess:

At this point, 5:30 p.m., the Council was declared in recess, to reassemble in Los Angeles at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 1957.

Reconvention:

The meeting was reconvened on Sunday, March 17, 1957, at 9:30 a.m. in the Colonial Room, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

On roll call, all councilors and officers noted present on March 3 were again present except Editor Wilbur and Councilor Kirchner; Councilors Wheeler and Loos, not present March 3, were present March 17.

In addition, Doctors Wayne Pollock, John E. Vaughan and C. V. Thompson and Messrs. Edgar Colvin and Ray Grove were present.

9. *Committee on Other Professions:*

Doctor Wayne Pollock, chairman of the Committee on Other Professions, presented a progress report on the negotiations of his committee with a similar group from another profession.

10. *Medical Review and Advisory Board:*

(a) Doctor Joseph F. Sadusk, Jr., chairman of the Medical Review and Advisory Board, gave a progress report on the activities of the board. He called attention to the advertising of certain insurance carriers and, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Advertising Committee be requested to meet with the board for consideration of what type of advertising would be considered acceptable.

(b) Consideration was given to a proposed press release detailing some of the findings of the board in its research activities and, on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the press release submitted and previously approved by the Committee on Public Relations.

11. *Central California Blood Bank:*

Mr. Roy Jensen, administrator of the Central California Blood Bank and executive secretary of the Fresno County Medical Society, reported that Central California Blood Bank had absorbed the service formerly provided by another blood bank

in the area and was now operating on a self-sustaining basis and serving 35 hospitals.

12. *Appointment of Nominating Committees:*

(a) The chairman proposed, and the Council confirmed, the appointment of Doctors Bostick (chairman), Doyle and Varden as a committee to bring in nominations for the Board of Trustees of California Physicians' Service.

(b) The chairman proposed, and the Council confirmed, the appointment of Doctors Rosenow (chairman), Sherman, MacDonald and West to bring in nominations for appointment of members and chairmen of commissions and committees.

13. *Woman's Auxiliary:*

The chairman proposed, and the Council confirmed, the appointment of Doctors John W. Cline and R. Stanley Kneeshaw as members of the Advisory Board to the Woman's Auxiliary to the C.M.A. for the 1957-1958 year.

14. *California Physicians' Service:*

Councilor T. Eric Reynolds, president of California Physicians' Service, reported that the Board of Trustees of C.P.S. believed that organizational changes should be made which would permit the selection of a president as a full-time officer and the naming of one member of the Board of Trustees as chairman of that board for annual periods, with tenure limited to two successive years. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve these recommendations.

15. *Commission on Medical Services:*

(a) Doctor Francis J. Cox reported on a meeting held March 16 for the discussion of pending changes in social security laws and allied subjects. He proposed that a similar meeting be planned in a northern city prior to the 1957 Annual Session and, on motion duly made and seconded, approval was voted for such a meeting.

(b) Several changes in fees applicable to the "Medicare" program were presented and approved by the Council.

(c) A listing of fees for anesthesiology, arranged on a procedure or global basis, rather than a time basis, was presented as a proposed change in the Relative Value Schedule and, on motion duly made and seconded, the theory of such fees and the fees themselves were voted approval.

(d) Doctor Cox made progress reports on the application for proposed changes in industrial medical fees and on the Governor's Conference on Rehabilitation of the Handicapped.

16. *Resolutions of 1956 House of Delegates:*

The Council reviewed three items referred to it by the 1956 House of Delegates, as follows:

(1) Resolution No. 23, relative to narcotic drugs: On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that no action be taken at this time because of the controversial nature of the subject.

(2) Resolution No. 24, relative to the definition of a specialist: On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to request the appropriate Council of the American Medical Association for clarification of the definition of specialists.

(3) Resolution No. 36, relative to the labeling of all prescriptions: On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to disapprove the proposal that all prescriptions be labeled for the reason that it was felt the prescribing physician should have free choice as to whether or not he desired such labeling.

17. *County Society Charter:*

At the request of the Shasta County Medical Society, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to request the House of Delegates to issue a new charter in the name of Shasta-Trinity County Medical Society.

18. *Committee on School Health:*

Doctor Albert C. Daniels, chairman of the Committee on School Health, reported on decisions reached by that committee and requested Council approval.

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to increase the size of the committee from seven to nine members.

(b) It was agreed that the committee should continue its biennial statewide meetings and emphasize county meetings, discontinuing regional meetings.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve local school health meetings arranged by local health departments and school superintendents.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to urge the State Department of Education to encourage surveys of school health programs where such surveys were desired.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to recommend to the State Department of Education that serious consideration be given to including preparation in the area of school health for all candidates for revised administrative credentials and for all candidates for elementary and secondary teaching credentials.

19. *Commission on Public Health and Public Agencies:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to add Doctor Donald C. Harrington to the membership of the Commission on Public Health and Public Agencies in his capacity as chairman of the Committee on Maternal and Child Care.

20. *Public Assistance:*

Mr. Hassard and Doctors Carey and Reynolds discussed the need of establishing a policy to be followed in the assignment of medical benefits to the aged, the blind and the needy children under terms of Public Law 880 of the Congress and a comparable appropriation act now under consideration by the State Legislature. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that such policy should call for (1) emphasis on home and office visits, (2) a fee schedule to be established and (3) California Physicians' Service to serve as fiscal agent on a cost-plus basis.

It was agreed to request Mr. K. L. Hamman to serve as the Association's representative at a series of meetings scheduled for discussion of this topic by state authorities.

21. *Legislation:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to agree to the appointment of a psychology committee under the State Board of Medical Examiners, for the purpose of approving schools, giving examinations and such other matters as the Legislative Committee shall approve, under terms of a psychology registration proposal now before the State Legislature.

22. *Reconsideration of Anesthesiology Fees:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to reconsider the action taken earlier in the meeting to approve a new schedule of fees for anesthesiology under the Relative Value Schedule.

Motion was made and seconded to defer action on this table of fees at this time but on vote the motion was lost.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., *Chairman*

ALBERT C. DANIELS, M.D., *Secretary*